

**PARISH OF NATCHITOCHES,
STATE OF LOUISIANA
CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA**

Population of the Parish

The population growth trend of the Parish of Natchitoches is as follows:

YEAR	PARISH POPULATION	STATE POPULATION
1950	38,144	2,683,516
1960	35,653	3,257,022
1970	35,219	3,644,637
1980	39,863	4,205,900
1990	36,689	4,219,973
1991	36,948	4,251,560
1992	36,620	4,287,195
1993	36,650	4,295,477
1994	37,046	4,315,085
1995	37,305	4,339,352
1996	37,455	4,350,579
1997	37,896	4,351,769
1998	37,744	4,368,967

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

Population of Municipalities

The population growth trends of the municipalities in the Parish of Natchitoches are as follows:

YEAR	ASH LAND	CAMPTI	CLAR ENCE	GOLD ONNA	NATCHEZ	NATCHI TOCHE S	POW HATAN	PROV ENCAL	ROBE LINE
1960		1,045	286	292		13,924		570	308
1970	211	1,078	448	337		15,974	277	530	274
1980	307	1,069	612	526	527	16,664	279	695	238
1990	289	929	577	417	434	16,609	147	538	149
1991	291	929	576	417	433	16,609	187	547	149
1992	290	925	584	423	465	16,609	195	547	149
1993	290	931	584	423	465	16,823	207	543	149
1994	290	933	600	436	465	16,909	207	548	161
1995	290	986	591	429	465	17,318	197	566	149
1996	288	1,003	591	429	465	17,318	194	587	168
1997	288	1,009	591	429	465	17,318	201	609	168
1998	279	1,020	591	429	465	17,622	201	619	168

Sources: US Census; Louisiana Tech University, January, 1999.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Personal Income

The Bureau of Economic Analysis of the US Department of Commerce publishes personal income data. The most recent revised per capita income figures for the Parish, Louisiana and the United States are as follows:

YEAR	PARISH	LOUISIANA	UNITED STATES
1990	\$10,910	\$14,281	\$18,666
1991	\$11,433	\$15,079	\$19,201
1992	\$12,286	\$15,817	\$20,137
1993	\$13,539	\$17,133	\$21,220
1994	\$14,218	\$18,086	\$22,056
1995	\$14,548	\$18,826	\$23,059
1996	\$15,419	\$19,609	\$24,164
1997	\$15,631	\$20,458	\$25,288

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, October, 1998.

Retail Sales

According to the *Survey of Buying Power*, estimated retail sales by category in Natchitoches Parish were as follows:

(In Thousands)

Year	Total Retail Sales	Food	Eat/Drink	Gen Mdse	Furn/Appl	Auto
1991	\$212,997	\$74,054	\$16,072	\$28,490	\$6,807	\$39,027
1992	\$231,296	\$76,983	\$18,577	\$35,636	\$8,177	\$39,954
1993	\$238,159	\$79,075	\$20,271	\$37,578	\$7,763	\$39,147
1994	\$271,191	\$55,025	\$23,518	\$30,301	\$6,184	\$50,199
1995	\$303,529	\$59,240	\$24,375	\$43,835	\$6,042	\$61,189
1996	\$318,677	\$56,784	\$23,842	\$50,473	\$6,938	\$65,345
1997	\$337,173	\$65,232	\$25,613	\$51,177	\$7,535	\$77,533

(Note: The retail sales statistics in the 1995 edition of the *Survey of Buying Power*, which lists data for 1994, are based on newly published benchmark data from the 1992 Census of Retail Trade (CRT). Prior to this year, retail figures reported in the Survey were based on data from the 1987 Census [unlike the general Census, the CRT is conducted in five year intervals]. Whenever such an adjustment is made, trends in lines that fall across benchmark year are often skewed, a fact readers should keep in mind when comparing retail sales figures for 1994 and thereafter to those from prior years.

Source: Sales and Marketing Management, Survey of Buying Power, August, 1998.

SALES TAXES

Sales Taxes Levied in the Parish

The following is a summary, by area, of sales and use tax rates levied within the Parish of Natchitoches as of 12/31/98.

Entity/Area	Parish-Wide Tax	Municipal Tax	Total Local Tax	State Tax	Total Sales Tax
NATCHITOCHES PARISH	2.5		2.5	4	6.5
CAMPTI	2	2	4	4	8
CLARENCE	2.5	1	3.5	4	7.5
NATCHITOCHES	1.5	2.5	4	4	8
NATCHEZ	2.5	1	3.5	4	7.5
ROBELINE	2.5	1	3.5	4	7.5

Source: Louisiana Department of Revenue and Taxation, Sales Tax Division, January, 1999.

Taxable Sales

Sales and use taxes are levied by various entities at various rates throughout the Parish. The following figures represent the tax base of a broad-based sales and use tax levied on a parishwide basis.

<i>(In Thousands)</i>					
Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	\$30,829	\$72,123	\$28,328	\$37,310	\$38,214
February	\$20,270	\$26,916	\$28,328	\$23,742	\$25,231
March	\$21,250	\$23,848	\$24,454	\$23,742	\$25,334
April	\$28,168	\$29,261	\$39,272	\$29,803	\$31,707
May	\$26,864	\$26,371	\$28,614	\$17,535	\$30,694
June	\$26,470	\$27,543	\$28,689	\$37,105	\$48,319
July	\$31,458	\$43,760	\$37,142	\$30,946	\$40,897
August	\$25,332	\$27,165	\$29,891	\$27,764	\$31,061
September	\$28,072	\$29,191	\$34,457	\$27,434	\$31,051
October	\$44,639	\$37,367	\$28,799	\$31,906	\$36,059
November	\$30,191	\$28,269	\$24,436	\$25,569	\$33,732
December	\$25,622	\$26,314	\$26,742	\$24,153	\$29,452
Annual Total	\$339,165	\$398,129	\$359,153	\$337,008	\$401,750

Source: Oakland Econometrics.

PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed Valuation of the Parish

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of property throughout the Parish of Natchitoches is as follows:

Year	Taxable Assessed Valuation	Homestead Exemptions	Total Assessed Valuation
1990	\$66,869,870	\$28,945,400	\$95,815,270
1991	\$68,789,580	\$28,675,740	\$97,465,320
1992	\$69,020,960	\$27,997,830	\$97,018,790
1993	\$72,066,190	\$28,413,890	\$100,480,080
1994	\$74,549,330	\$28,564,560	\$103,113,890
1995	\$78,084,830	\$29,410,920	\$107,495,750
1996	\$90,915,600	\$33,907,180	\$124,822,780
1997	\$93,951,370	\$34,707,430	\$128,658,800
1998	\$94,938,910	\$35,162,040	\$130,100,950

Source: Natchitoches Parish Assessor's Office.

A breakdown of the assessed valuation of the Parish by classification of property is as follows:

Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Public Service
1990	\$59,799,730	\$17,424,670	\$18,590,870
1991	\$59,796,450	\$18,020,750	\$19,648,120
1992	\$59,489,890	\$17,619,590	\$19,909,310
1993	\$60,152,780	\$20,058,480	\$20,268,820
1994	\$61,696,210	\$20,884,630	\$20,533,050
1995	\$63,059,650	\$23,901,020	\$20,535,080
1996	\$75,823,650	\$26,949,030	\$22,050,100
1997	\$77,506,630	\$28,857,120	\$22,295,050
1998	\$79,274,540	\$28,900,490	\$21,925,920

Millage Rates

The recent trend in the aggregate ad valorem tax rates (in mills) levied on a parishwide basis by various entities within the boundaries of the Parish of Natchitoches follows:

Year	Millage
1990	48.98
1991	49.16
1992	53.67
1993	53.61
1994	49.62
1995	49.62
1996	50.96
1997	50.96
1998	49.96

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission and Natchitoches Parish Assessor's Office.

Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers of the Parish of Natchitoches in 1998 and their assessed valuation are as follows:

TAXPAYER	ASSESSED VALUATION
1. WILLAMETTE INDUSTRIES INC	\$9,167,270
2. TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE CO	\$5,378,340
3. BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS	\$3,575,210
4. CENTRAL LA. ELEC.CO.,INC.	\$2,337,510
5. WAL-MART STORES,INC.	\$2,217,310
6. KOCH GATEWAY PIPELINE CO.	\$1,962,590
7. CONNAGRA POULTRY CO.#1871	\$1,870,430
8. TRUS JOIST MACMILLAN	\$1,758,120
9. CITY BANK & TRUST CO.	\$1,698,260
10. TRANS LOUISIANA GAS CO	\$1,595,010

Source: Natchitoches Parish Assessor's Office.

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment

The recent trends in public school registration, average daily membership and average daily attendance in the Natchitoches Parish school system are as follows:

REGISTRATION	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE	7,163	6,658	6,846	6,812
AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP	7,746	7,131	7,315	7,233
PUBLIC	8,505	7,470	7,376	7,301

"Average Daily Attendance" reflects the average daily attendance of member public school students during the session. "Average Daily Membership" reflects the average daily count of public school students registered during the session. "Public" reflects the count of public school students registered on the first day of the school year, including pre-kindergarten.

Expenditures

Expenditure trends for the Natchitoches Parish School Board are as follows:

EXPENDITURES	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
MEAN TEACHER SALARY	\$25,175	\$24,713	\$27,333	\$29,748
CURRENT EXPEN PER STUDENT	\$4,240	\$4,496	\$5,524	\$5,392
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$17,780	\$89,702	\$3,214,896	\$13,151,076
DEBT SERVICE	\$1,451,674	\$1,375,080	\$2,417,484	\$3,093,288
CURRENT EXPENDITURES	\$32,844,303	\$32,624,517	\$35,498,560	\$38,079,875

Source: Louisiana Department of Education.